Konkan Railway

1177. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of activities of the Konkan Railway;

(b) whether Corporate Office of this organisation has been set up in Rail Bhawan;

(c) whether Corporate Office of any other organisation under the Ministry has been set up in Rail Bhawan;

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons for allowing this organisation to remain in Rail Bhawan when acute shortage of accommodation for staff and officers is being felt in the building;

(e) whether the Corporate Office of this organisation has 90 per cent retired officials; and

(f) if so, the details thereof cadre-wise and emoluments being paid to each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRC) is engaged in the construction of the 760 km. broad gauge Railway line from Roha to Mangalore. They are also to operate the Railway after the line is constructed.

(b) The Registered Office of KRC is located in Rail Bhawan but the Corporate Office is in Belapur at New Bombay.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) KRC's Registered Office is located in Rail Bhawan for better coordination with the Railway Board as the Project has a very tight time schedule of completion by October, 1994.

(e) No, sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Completion of Railway Track from Roha to Dasgaon

1178. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that railway track from Roha to Dasgaon (Konkan Railway) has been completed; and

(b) if so, by when the traffic on this railway track is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) March, 1993.

रेलवे को हुआ घाटा

1179. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर:**
श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:

क्या **रेल** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान लोक लेखा समिति द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गयी उस रिपोर्ट की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें यह कहा है कि अनियमितताओं के कारण रेलवे को 95 लाख रुपये से अधिक का घाटा हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो समिति के निर्देशों और सुझावों के बावजूद मैसर्स एन०ई०आई० को दिये गये आपूर्ति आदेशों को किस आधार पर परिवर्तित किया गया जिसके परिणामस्वरूप मंत्रालय को सीमा शुल्क के रूप में 77 लाख रुपये वापस देने पड़े हैं;

(ग) क्या उक्त विदेशी कंपनी को शेलमर बेयरिंग की सप्लाई किये जाने के मामले में अवांछनीय फायदा पहुंचाया गया है जबकि समिति ने इस संबंध में मंत्रालय को सूचित किया था;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने उक्त मामले की जांच के लिए एक उच्च स्तरीय समिति के गठन के संबंध में लोक लेखा समिति के सुझाव की ओर ध्यान दिया है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका): (क) जी हां।

(ख) मैसर्स एन०ई०आई० विदेशी कम्पनी नहीं है अपितु एक भारतीय कंपनी है जो जयपुर में स्थित है, चूंकि यह एक सांविधिक दायित्व है, इसलिए सीमा शुल्क के भुगतान के रूप में उन्हें 77 लाख रुपये की प्रतिपूर्ति की गई है।

(ग) जी नहीं;

(घ) जी हां;

विद्युत इंजनों (ए०बी०बी०) की खरीद

1180. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने असिया ब्राउन बोवेरी कंपनी से 6 हजार अश्व शक्ति वाले विद्युत इंजनों की खरीद के संबंध में अंतिम निर्णय ले लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितने इंजन खरीदे जाने का प्रस्ताव है और उनकी कुल कीमत कितनी होगी;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इन इंजनों के रख-रखाव इत्यादि पर भविष्य में आवश्यकता पड़ने वाले अतिरिक्त कल पुर्जों की सप्लाई का उपबंध किये जाने के संबंध में विचार किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या इंजनों के रख-रखाव के लिये आवश्यक सामग्री, अतिरिक्त कल पुर्जे तथा मकैनिक देश में ही उपलब्ध हो सकेंगे, यदि नहीं, तो उनके आयात के संबंध में क्या व्यवस्था की गयी है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका): (क) रेल अभिसमय समिति द्वारा नवंबर, 1992 में प्रस्तुत रिपोर्ट के आलोक में यह मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Expansion of Railway Lines in Bihar

1181. DR. RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI': Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals to expand the Railway lines in Bihar, where Railway lines do not exist; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Proposals have been received for providing rail links to Hazaribagh and Dumka in areas not having railway lines at present. The surveys carried out for this purpose have revealed that these lines would not have adequate traffic potential. As such, they could not be considered. One proposal for a new line from Ranchi to Hazaribagh road with a connection to Koderma was referred to the Planning Commission in '91 but was not agreed to by them. Survey for a new line to connect Dumka either with Mandar Hill or' to the Sahibganj loop has since been taken up.

Broad-Gauge Rail Link between Ankola and Hubli

1182. SHRI J.P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for a new broad-gauge rail link between Ankola and Hubli;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the construction of the new line is proposed to be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b) A survey for construction of new BG line between Ankola & Hubli was carried out in 1992. The cost of 164 kms length of new BG line was assessed at Rs. 236.80 crores with a rate of return of 16.7%. However, in the meantime, conversion of Hospet-Hubli-Goa (489 kms) has been approved under Project Unigauge. Consequent to this a reappraisal of traffic potential on the proposed line is being done.

(c) Further action would depend on the results of the reappraisal and availability of resources in the coming years.

Testing a pads supplied by APPL

1183. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pads supplied by Andhra Polymers Pvt. Ltd. have not passed the safety tests conducted by two independent internationally reported Laboratories; namely I.I.T., Bombay and